THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Steps are being taken to identify and promote more industrial units to manufacture FAX machines.

(c) Imports are permitted on case to case basis.

Allotment of Shops by NDMC to persons belonging to SC/ST

1883. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of shops leased out by the New Delhi Municipal Committee under various shopping complexes and other schemes;

(b) how many of them have been allotted to persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(c) what are the terms and conditions of leasing out such shopping points; and

(d) whether any preferences is being given to Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) N.D.M.C. do not allot shops on lease basis.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Bomb Blasts in Reserved Passenger Coaches

1884. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some incidents of bomb blasts have been reported in some reserved passenger coaches during this month; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime on the railways is the responsibility of the Government Railway Police which functions under the control of the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. However, the Government of Haryana have informed that one bomb blast occurred in Second Class three tier reserved passenger coach of Shalimar Express train on 1st March, 1990 at Ambala Cantonment Railway Station in which three passengers were killed and thirteen sustained grievous injuries and seven others sustained simple injuries.

Satellite Capacities of 'Arabsat' and 'Stationar' taken on lease by Doordarshan

1885. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan has taken on lease the satellite capacity of 'Arabsat' and 'Stationar'; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have leased capacity of ARABSAT-1B and STATITONAR-13 satellites and allocated use of five transponders on the former and one on the latter to Doordarshan for distribution of TV programmes.

Guidelines for Fixing the length of National Highways

1886. DR. NARREDDY THULASY REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any formulae or guidelines for fixing the length of national highways in a particular state; and

(b) if so, whether such guidelines are followed in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHANGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) There is no formula for fixing the length of National Highways in a particular State. However, roads are declared as National Highways keeping in view the following besides the availability of resources:

(i) roads which run through the length and breadth of the country;

(ii) roads connecting adjacent countries;

(iii) roads connecting State capitals;

(iv) roads connecting major ports and important industrial or tourist centres;

(v) roads meeting very important strategic requirements;

(vi) roads carrying high density of traffic over an adequate length; and

(vii) roads which will enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and advancement of substantial economies thereby.

(b) While declaring National Highways, these guidelines are followed.

National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

1887. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:
DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have sent proposals for the inclusion of roads into national highways;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to accept the proposals if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) During the Seventh Plan, the State Government had projected ten State Roads for inclusion in the NH system as detailed in Statement B/F below) out of which Nizamabad Jagdalpur road has already been declared as National Highway. Inclusion of remaining roads in the NR network during the Eighth Plan period would depend upon the availability of resources and also the *inter-se* priority of various